

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1064

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A RESOLUTION to congratulate Ricky Walls on his induction into the Gibson County Sports Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those citizens who, through unwavering dedication and unflagging commitment to excellence, have distinguished themselves as exceptional athletes and community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Ricky Walls, who was recently honored with induction into the Gibson County Sports Hall of Fame with the Class of 2010, a most befitting recognition of his outstanding accomplishments in the arena of sports as a student-athlete; and

WHEREAS, this humbling honor is bestowed on those few extraordinary athletes whose dazzling feats in the sporting arena have caused them to shine brightly in the eyes of their many fans and supporters; and

WHEREAS, Ricky Walls starred as an exceptional player on the Spring Hill High School basketball team from 1972 until 1976; and

WHEREAS, one of best players to wear the Spring Hill uniform, he was a fierce competitor on the basketball court, excelling at his position through hard work and dedication; and

WHEREAS, an athletic 6'3" player with great leaping ability and an extremely accurate shooting touch, he averaged twenty points and fifteen rebounds per game his senior season; and

WHEREAS, possessing outstanding skill and ability, he led the Hornets to the TSSAA sub-state tournament in 1976, the only state basketball tournament berth in school history; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, as a player with Spring Hill High School, he was selected to the All-Region team, the All-District team, and he was selected to the All-State team his senior year; and

WHEREAS, following graduation from Spring Hill High School in 1976, Mr. Walls attended Jackson State Community College where he was an exceptional basketball player as well; and

WHEREAS, his many distinguished accomplishments aside, Ricky Walls is most appreciative of the love and support of his wife, Gina, and their three sons; and

WHEREAS, Ricky Walls, a man of true character and commitment, exemplifies dedication and leadership, and he is admired by his fellow Tennesseans for his tireless efforts to excel, always guided by solid principles and high standards, whether in the athletic arena or in the actions of his daily life; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we join with the family, friends, colleagues, former teammates, former coaches, and many fans of Ricky Walls in congratulating him upon his induction into the Gibson County Sports Hall of Fame with the Class of 2010, commend him for his substantial legacy as an athlete, and offer our deep appreciation for the dedication that he has shown our State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.